



The donkeys in the land of Jesus grew taller than our donkeys usually do. Their coat is a yellowish-brown color. The donkey has longer ears and shorter legs than a horse.

The donkey is not as fast as a horse. But the donkey does not eat as much food. If a horse eats 4 cups of grain, the donkey would only eat one cup. The donkey would eat many things in this dry land that the horse would not touch. He would eat thistles, thorny twigs and grass. The donkey does not have to drink as much water as the horse.

The donkey also could carry heavier loads than the horse.

The donkey is more sure-footed than the horse on mountain trails. When the farmer goes on a mountain path, he wants to ride a donkey. The donkey will not stumble and fall on the rocky, steep path. He will not get so excited and "jumpy" over every little shadow or strange animal along the way.

A farmer in the land of Jesus did not call a donkey "stupid" as we sometimes do. He knew the donkey could learn many things. He did not think the donkey was mean or lazy. He knew the donkey would work very hard. And he would keep on working for many hours.

In the Bible the donkey is usually called an ass. A donkey is something like a mule. But a donkey is not the same as a mule. A donkey is something like a horse. But a donkey is not a horse.